



# COUNCILMEMBER

# **BART TURNER**

Glendale's Barrel District

July 24, 2015

# Greetings!

Today the Glendale City Council voted unanimously to approve an amended agreement with the Arizona Coyotes regarding management of Glendale's Gila River Arena. As a result, Glendale taxpayers will no longer be subsidizing team operations through the arena management contract. This will result in at least a \$2 Million savings in both this fiscal year and the 2016-17 fiscal year. Additionally, the city now has the option to assume management of the arena beginning as soon as July 1, 2016. The Coyotes are guaranteed to play 41 home games in Glendale this season and next, and the City and the Coyotes are committed to exploring together the possibility of the Coyotes remaining in Glendale as tenants in our arena for any number of years into the future.

I would like to thank Acting City Manager Dick Bowers who skillfully represented the City during the negotiating process. Additionally, I want to thank Interim Assistant City Manager Tom Duensing and City Attorney Michael Bailey for their commitment to seeing the Council's vision become reality. Without Mr. Bailey's excellent legal advice we quite likely would not have achieved such a favorable outcome. Finally, I would like to thank Vice Mayor Ian Hugh for his leadership on this issue. Over the past several weeks our Vice Mayor has been the target of unwarranted personal criticism both publicly and privately. We owe him

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our gratitude for bringing his issue to a head, and for his steadfast commitment to the taxpayers of Glendale.

Today was certainly a good day for Glendale, the Arizona Coyotes, and for ethics, integrity, and transparency in government.

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# **Upcoming City Events**

See Hello Kitty For Free By Completing The Summer Reading Program. I am happy to have been able to arrange for 26 tickets to see the world famous Hello Kitty at Glendale's Gila River **Arena** to be awarded to young people participating in Glendale's Summer Reading Program! Winners of the tickets will be determined by a raffle conducted by the Glendale Library system staff. Glendale residents under 18 years of age who successfully complete the entire Summer Reading Program by August 1, 2015 must sign up for the raffle at any of the three Glendale Libraries, and must be accompanied to the concert by a parent or guardian. For more information contact Karen Reed, Library Manager, at 623-930-3853.

## Westgate Wednesdays!

Wednesday nights through July 29 from 6 -7:30 p.m. at Westgate's Fountain Park.

Come to the Westgate Entertainment District on Wednesday nights for free weekly summer fun! Enjoy music, games, prizes and dancing. Plus, meet your favorite film characters and get a free downloadable photo with them each week. Every week will offer a distinctive familyfun experience with different themes, unique games and new characters. The weekly Wednesday night events run from June 3 -July 29 from 6 -7:30 p.m. at Westgate's Fountain Park. Schedule of themed events below:

July 29: Frozen Fiesta with Anna and Elsa



Glendale Summer Concert Series



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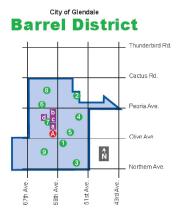


Sahuaro Ranch Park



Glendale Main Library





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For more information about Westgate Wednesdays, visit www.westgateaz.com/summer/.

#### **Downtown Events**

Dog Days of Summer. Dog lovers will gather in downtown Glendale for the city's annual Dog Days of Summer event, from 7-10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1. The city's sixth annual event will celebrate this popular event with interactive fun activities, pet wellness information, Glendale PD K-9 demonstration, animal adoptions and shopping in Murphy Park. New this year, the event will feature the debut of the Glendale "Paw-sker" Awards, a talent show of sorts, to recognize tricky pets in the following categories: Best Trick; Best Kisser; Best Hair; and the Wildest Tail Wagger. Awards will be given in each category.

Head to the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) booth located in Murphy Park to start your day, where the first 200 visitors will receive a savings pack, as well as a run-down of the day's activities. Admission and parking are free. Visitors are encouraged to park in the free covered parking garage located at 58th Avenue and Palmaire.

The Dog Days of Summer also includes a donation drive for pet food and supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter. For a wish list of items needed, visit www.sunvalleypets.org.

For more details on the donation drive and the overall event, check out www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500.

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